

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 7, 2008

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2008. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date or April 7, 2008. Applicant submits with this Reply a Petition for Two Month Extension of Time, extending the due date to June 7, 2008.

This Reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (see attached *Transmittal*). Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any costs associated with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 13-0206.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. The Applicant submits that these amendments do not introduce any new matter.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.